

When Is He Coming?

When is he coming when O when is he coming the redeemer?
When will we see him when O when will we see him the redeemer?
Come, O come from your kingdom up there, from your kingdom up there above!
Come, O come to your people on earth, to your people on earth bring love!
Emanuel! Emanuel! Emanuel!

Long years a-waiting, many years here a-waiting the Redeemer!
Ready to greet him always ready to meet him the Redeemer.
Come, O come from your kingdom up there, from your kingdom up there above!
Come, O come to your people on earth, to your people on earth bring love!
Emanuel! Emanuel! Emanuel!

Spare us from evil from the clutches of evil, O Redeemer!
Though we are sinners we have known your forgiveness O Redeemer!
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Come, O come to your people on earth, to your people on earth bring love!
Emanuel! Emanuel! Emanuel!

Parish Pilgrimage to Poland in The Footsteps of Saint John Paul II - 19th-24th April 2017, led by Fr John Lee: If you are planning to join us on the pilgrimage please send the form with the deposit to Pilgrimage People ASAP. Their contact details are: office@pilgrimagepeople.org or on 0800 612 3423. Information packs are available at all Masses this weekend for anyone interested in joining us.

Keys: If you have keys belonging to the Parish, can you please return them to the office so they can be registered, numbered and then reissued.

Advent Calendars, Christmas cards and diaries, plus great items for sale in your church repository. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to sponsor flowers on the windows or the altar please put your dedication and a donation marked FAO Joan Boland in the office. Thank you.

Loop system: Fr John apologises to all those good people that depend on the Loop System. This will be repaired next week. Thanking you for your patience.

Christmas card from Fr John: Please collect a card at the end of Mass today which contains all the dates and times of Masses and Liturgies for Advent and Christmas.

Marriage Preparation Facilitators and a Head of Centre needed. Marriage Care is the largest faith-based relationship support organisation in England and Wales. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Facilitators and a Head of Centre to volunteer with us at our Reading centre and help us in our mission to support couples in the best and worst of times. Please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk for more information.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1075.05

A Christingle Song

Tune: Give me oil in my lamp (Sing Hosanna)
The Christingle begins with an orange,
like the world which the Lord God made.
For creation is full of his glory;
all around we see his love displayed.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.

Every year we give thanks for the seasons,
and the fruits of the earth to share.
The Christingle is here to remind us
that the love of God is everywhere.

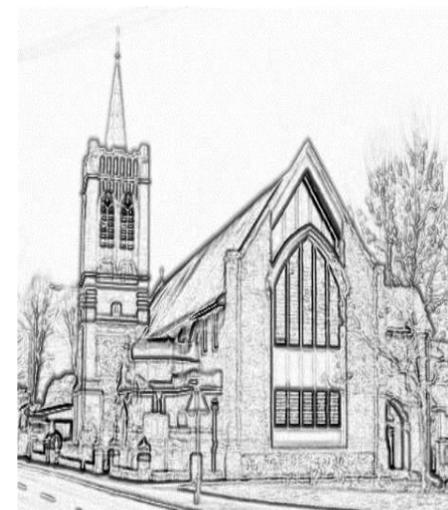
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...
God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
we remember his birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
tells the story of his cross and pain.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

To complete the Christingle: a candle,
shining out in the darkest night.
Jesus promised to lead us and guide us;
come and celebrate the world's true light!

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...

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PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD & ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM Number 109 – 17th / 18th December 2016 4th Sunday of Advent, Year A, (psalter week 4)

18th December: Sung evening prayer and
Benediction at 6pm in St. Elizabeth's

20th – 24th December: Confessions after 10am
Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place
before the 10:00am Mass Tuesday to Saturday.
Confession - Saturday immediately after 10:00
Mass and later between 17:30 and 18:15.

**Christmas Break: Please note the Parish and
Centre office will be closed from Wednesday 21st
December and reopen on Wednesday 4th January.**

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	17 th Dec	10:00	Anthony Felton, RIP
		18:30	Clooney & Donavan Family, SI
Sun	18 th Dec	08:00	Thomas Doyle, RIP
		09:15	Patrick Sheahan, RIP
		10:45	People of the Parish
		18.00	Filipino Mass
Mon	19 th Dec	10:00	Frank Felice, Funeral Mass
		13.00	Maria Mateo, Funeral Mass
Tue	20 th Dec	10.00	Canon John Dordan, RIP
Wed	21 st Dec	10.00	Bernadette Wrynn, RIP
Thu	22 nd Dec	10:00	Bridget Foley, RIP
Fri	23 rd Dec	10:00	Machray Family, SI
Sat	24 th Dec	10:00	Eileen & Michael Sweeney
		18:30	Lucas Cunningham, SI
Sun	25 th Dec	Midnight	Rev Robert Jennings, RIP
		08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Steve Budden, RIP
		10:45	Patrick & Catherine Lee, SI
Mon	26 th Dec	10.00	Steve Allman, RIP
Tue	27 th Dec	10.00	Marie O'Connor, SI
Wed	28 th Dec	10.00	Rodegonda Neville & Liliana Tasini, S
Thu	29 th Dec	10:00	Bridget Puzio, SI
Fri	30 th Dec	10:00	Joe Brown, RIP
Sat	31 st Dec	10:00	Rev Eamonn Whelan, RIP
		18:30	Lee & Sullivan Deceased
Sun	1 st Jan	08:00	People of the parish
		09:15	Bill & Alice Witt, A
		10:45	Rev William James, RIP
Mon	2 nd Jan	10.00	Morning Prayer
Tue	3 rd Jan	10.00	Catherine O Sullivan, RIP
Wed	4 th Jan	10.00	Holy Souls
Thu	5 th Jan	10:00	Canon Anthony Whale, RIP
Fri	6 th Jan	10:00	Mass of the sick & Housebound
Sat	7 th Jan	10:00	The Coleman Family, FM
		18:30	Ann McCaffrey, RIP
Sun	8 th Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Holy Souls
		10:45	Josephine McCann, SI

Contact Us:

The Parish Website: <http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/> is being updated regularly. If you would like to update any existing information please do so via the Parish Office.

Notices for next weekend: should be posted or emailed to the Parish Office by 12.00pm on Wednesday.

If you wish to speak to Fr John on any matter of concern please contact Shauna at the Parish Office for an appointment

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St Elizabeth - Cookham Rise: St Edmund Campion - Maidenhead: St Edward's - Windsor: St Mark's - Dedworth: St Thomas More - Twyford:
Our Lady of Peace - Wargrave



Not by Might, Nor by Power, but by
My Spirit says the Lord!
Zechariah 4:6

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Margaret Gallagher, Josie Dooley, Cecilia Leanlage, James and Betty Buckley, Evelyn Withey, Alexandra Donaldson, Sam Dalton, John Webb and Vincent Ray.

Both priests will visit the sick and housebound between now and Christmas. If you know of anyone who requires a visit, please let Shauna know in the office as soon as possible so that a visit can be arranged. Thank you.

Please Pray for the souls of; Frank Felice, funeral Mass Monday 19th December at 10am in St. Joseph's. Maria Mateo, funeral Mass Monday 19th December at 1pm in St. Joseph's. Joan Cloonan, funeral Mass Thursday 12th January at 10am in St. Joseph's.

Please pray for all of the Holy Souls who still need your prayers. Just one short prayer will earn you their Eternal gratitude. Imagine what you could do with two prayers. Have you tried this yet? Or are you too busy?

Eucharistic Ministers: The next Eucharistic Ministers Rota for Jan – Mar 2017 is now available in the Sacristy. Please take a copy. **Any minister available to volunteer for Christmas Eve and Day Masses kindly put their names on the list in the sacristy.**

Festive Refreshments after 10.45 Mass. The coffee team invite you to come and enjoy festive refreshments after Mass today. A great opportunity to catch up with friends before Christmas.

Christingle: All children are invited to take part in the Christingle Liturgy on Sunday 18th December during the 10.45 a.m. Mass.

All Children: At the 6.30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, children are invited to come in their own costumes dressed as kings, shepherds, angels, sheep, donkeys etc. and join in the celebration of Jesus' birthday. If you would like to take part, or help out please give your name to Helen Meanwell (tel. 01628 623707 or email helen.meanwell@bopenworld.com).

Children: remember to stay in Church after Mass on Sundays 11th and 18th December for a brief run-through of the Christmas Eve Nativity. Lots more children needed as Angels, Kings, Shepherds and Sheep.....!

Children's Liturgists - All Liturgists are also asked to help at the Christingle liturgy in the Main Hall, from 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 18th December, and if possible come and prepare the Christingles before Mass.

Next Children Liturgy is Sunday 8th of January

Choir: Ben, our choirmaster, will be leaving us next year as he and his wife, Shan, will be moving out of the area. We would very much like the choir to be able to continue – singing is such an important part of our liturgy and worship and the choir is a great asset to the parish. Ben has offered to carry on until Easter but would like to hand over responsibility before this if possible, so we are now looking for someone to take over. If you have experience of running a choir and would be interested, or if you know someone who you think might be, please speak to Father John or to Ben.

Sunday Evening Liturgy in Advent. There will be sung evening prayer and Benediction at St Elizabeth's this Sunday at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA: Meetings will commence on Wednesday 4th January at 7.30pm

Mother's Prayer Group: Is now on their Christmas Break and will commence on Monday 9th of January at 10.am in St Joseph's church. All welcome.

Thursday Evening Prayer Group: The group is now on their Christmas break. We need more members if the group is to start up again in January.

Flower Arranging: All helpers meet at St Joseph's at 11am on 24th December. Please contact Joan on 637863 to let her know you can/cannot help. Any helpers are welcome.

Matthew 1:18-24

**She will bear a son,
and you are to name him
Jesus, for he will save
his people from their sins.**
Matthew 1.21



The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfilment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

Filipino Mass: You are cordially invited to Mass on Sunday 18th December at 6pm in St. Joseph's followed by hospitality.

Annual Financial Report: Please find a copy of our First Financial Report for St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth at the back of church.

For Sale: Lladró statue of prayerful nun in excellent condition. Anyone interested to purchase please contact 637863

Readers Rota: The next Readers' Rota for Jan – Mar 2017 is now available in the Sacristy. If anyone is unable to fulfil their duty please find a substitute. Any queries contact Tricia Brooking, 01628 637759, triciabrooking@gmail.com or the Parish Office.

Christmas Bazaar: Many thanks to everyone who made the day a happy and successful one. Special thanks to our stallholders who put on a great display and the refreshment team who ensured that everyone was satisfied in that area. The table set-up and of course all of you who bought tickets for the Draw and came to buy goods. The cake stall was supplemented again so many thanks there. £1820 has been banked that will go towards maintenance of our two Parish churches.

Church Cleaning: Inviting all parish young and old that attend all Masses to come to the church on Thursday 22nd December at 10.45am for a deep clean of the church in preparation for Christmas day. Please bring feather dusters, buckets, gloves etc

Volunteers: We need more volunteers to clean the church on a weekly basis. Please leave your name with the office.

Christmas Crib Collection: Please note that the Crib Collection this year will be given to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre for the support of the Holy Places associated with the life and ministry of Our Lord.

Eucharistic Ministers: A day for all serving Eucharistic ministers within our parish is being offered at Douai Abbey. Due to circumstances beyond our control the date is now 21st January 2017. The day will comprise reflection, training and some time simply to be together. A hot lunch is provided. Every minister is to contact the office by email/phone to accept or decline. Closing date 2nd January 2017.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Will be celebrated on the 4th June 2017 in Portsmouth. Preparation programme will commence in January for year 8 and above. Please leave your name, address and contact details with Parish Secretary. The cut-off date for completed applications form is Tuesday 20th December.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 12.30pm. Parents are expected to take part in a two evening preparation programme held on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.